

## REMARKS

The claims in the application remain 91-115.

Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Regarding paragraph 2 of the Office Action, another copy of Form PTO-1449 accompanying the Information Disclosure Statement is enclosed together with copies of the cited foreign patent document and non-patent literature publications. In this regard, it is noted Christensen et al, Acta Chemica Scandinavica 51 (1997), pp. 969-973 and Barrer et al, J. Chem. Soc. (A) 1970, pp. 2735-2745 have already been made of record on Form PTO-892 accompanying the Office Action.

Concerning paragraph 3 of the Office Action, it is also noted the title of invention was correctly listed upon the executed Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney filed in the above-identified application, with the error apparently occurring on the Official Filing Receipt. Accordingly, a copy of the Official Filing Receipt upon which the title of invention has been corrected, is enclosed. Issuance of a corrected Official Filing Receipt is respectfully requested.

The claims have been amended to eliminate the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 101 and 112, second paragraph, raised paragraphs 6-8 of the Office Action. More specifically, the proviso at the end of independent Claim 91 has been clarified to recite when a equals 0, b equals 1, c equals 1, d equals 0 and X = Cl in the formula, then M is not potassium. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted the proviso at the end of independent Claim 91 has been sufficiently defined for one skilled in the art to determine claim scope.

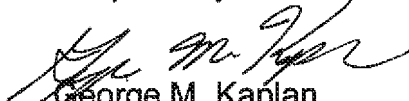
Claims 91-110, 114 and 115 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by Christensen et al, Acta Chemica Scandinavica 51 (1997), pp. 969-973 in paragraph 10 of the Office Action while Claims 111-113 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being obvious over this reference in paragraph 14 of the Office Action. This reference is described in the background portion of the present application and over which the present invention is an improvement, as defined by the proviso at page 4, lines 16-17 of the application. In this regard, it is respectfully reiterated clarification of the proviso at the end of independent Claim 91 *supra* makes it abundantly clear the claimed invention unequivocally defines over Christensen et al, Acta Chemica Scandinavica 51 (1997),pp. 969-973.

The remaining art of record has not been applied against the claims and will not be commented upon further at this time.

Accordingly, in view of the forgoing amendment and accompanying remarks, it is respectfully submitted all claims pending herein are in condition for allowance. Please contact the undersigned attorney should there be any quesitons. The requisite fee for an automatic one-month extension of time for response under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) is enclosed.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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